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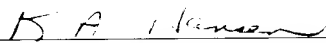
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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WELDING METAL SHEETS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request preliminary amendments be made to the specification of the United States patent application identified above and provided herewith. The proposed amendments are made to the English translation of the specification of the PCT patent application Serial No. PCT/CH00/00086 from which the present application claims priority. The proposed changes are requested to put the specification in form acceptable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and to eliminate any indefiniteness that may exist in the translated version of the PCT specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the requested amendments do not add any new matter into the present application.

Applicants include herewith a redline version of the English translation of the original PCT specification of the parent application showing the proposed amendments, a copy of the same specification with the proposed changes incorporated directly therein, and formal

version of the drawing. Please note that the original application included 10 claims, 2 of which were independent and others of which were multiple dependent. With the present amendment, the specification has been edited to now include original claims 1, 6 and 7, and new claims 11-21, thereby leaving: 14 claims total, 6 independent claims, and 0 multiple dependent claims. The fees are calculated on the amended claim set.

Respectfully submitted,

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